

BOROUGH OF SALTASH.Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health
for the year 1939.
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The Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors.

Gentlemen,

I beg to submit a report for the year 1939.

By direction of the Minister of Health this report is to be only an interim report, and records and statistics are to be kept till after the termination of the war, and only essential matters are to be dealt with here.

A. Vital Statistics

The final corrected figures have not yet been received but there were 82 deaths as compared with 94 in 1938 and of these 7 were of infants under 1 year.

B. General Provision of Health Services

No change.

C. Sanitary circumstances of the area.

(1) Water Some 3" and 4" mains have been laid in connection with new building estates.

(2) Drainage and sewerage

Some sewers and drains have been laid in connection with new building estates.

Nothing to report of urgency under any other headings of this section.

D. Housing A few plans were passed for bungalows garages etc. to be built by private enterprise.

E. Inspection and supervision of food
Nothing special to report.

F. Prevalence of and control over infectious and other diseases

Measles and whooping cough became notifiable diseases after the war began but no cases were reported. There were 27 cases of scarlet fever of which 7 were treated at the Isolation Hospital in Plymouth. Most of these cases were mild. There were 4 cases of diphtheria, 2 of which were fatal and there were 24 cases of pneumonia, one of poliomyelitis also very mild.

Tuberculosis

9, new cases of tuberculosis of the lung were reported and two of non pulmonary type. There were 4 deaths during the year from Pulmonary tuberculosis and 2 from other forms of the disease.

In conclusion I should like to thank your Sanitary Inspector and his staff for their ready assistance in all matters referred to them.

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Your obedient Servant,

H. G. ROBINSON.

